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- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
(c) whether Government have proposal to increase the frequency of other trains such as Rajdhani Express/Sampark Kranti Express?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

- (b) Does not arise.
(c) At present, there is no such proposal.

Rail projects in Andhra Pradesh

374. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the rail line doubling/electrification works, new lines sanctioned for Andhra Pradesh under the golden quadrilateral project, indicating the length of rail lines and the estimated cost of each work;
(b) the details of the progress made, so far, on these works; and
(c) the time likely to be taken to complete these works?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) Some of the projects have been identified for strengthening of Golden Quadrilateral and its Diagonals under National Rail Vikas Yojana. The details of sanctioned doubling/electrification works failing in Andhra Pradesh which are included in this Yojana are as under:—

Name of Project	Length (in Km.)	Estimated cost (Rs. in crore)	Current status/Target Date for completion, wherever fixed
DOUBLING			
1	2	3	4
Raichur-Guntakal	81.10	145.81	The project is being executed by Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) through Asian Development Bank (ADB) funding. Final Location Survey completed. Land acquisition taken up. Tenders have been processed. The project is targeted for completion by 2007-08.

1	2	3	4
Gooty-Renigunta Patch Doubling	151	305.95	The work is being executed by RVNL through ADB funding. On Pullampet-Bakarapet 85% earthwork, 100% major bridges, 99% minor bridges completed. On Cuddapah-Muddanuru and Kondapuram-Rayalacheruvu contract for roadbed, bridges and tracks awarded on 07.07.06. Signaling contract awarded on 30.06.06. The work has been taken up. The project is targeted for completion by 2008-09.
Ballapelle- Pullampet (Phase-I of Gooty-Renigunta)	41.00	85	completed and commissioned.
Renigunta- Guntakal	308	182.55	RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION The work is being executed by RVNL. Railway Electrification work completed on existing lines between Renigunta and Nandalur. Preliminary works on Nandalur-Guntakal have been taken up.
Bhubaneswar- Kottavalasa	457	322.71	Completed and commissioned.

There are no new lines sanctioned in Andhra Pradesh under National Rail Vikas Yojana.

Removal of AC COACHES

T375. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether AC rail Coaches manufactured before 1994 using R-12 refrigerated technique would be removed from service;

(b) if so, the total number of such coaches that would be removed from service; and

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